

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-21 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-13 and 17-21 are allowed.

Claim 14 is cancelled.

Claim 15 is amended.

Claims 1-13, 15, and 17-21 are now pending.

35 USC 112, first paragraph and second paragraph

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as failing to distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form and now includes the limitations of claim 14. Applicants have also amended claim 15 to specify "subsequent" addition only and delete the term "simultaneous". It is clear from page 7, last paragraph that the first and second polymers are added one after the other (or subsequently) in the test method for assessing dosage described in claim 14 now claim 15. As claim 14 no longer limits claims 15, claim 14 has been cancelled.

The amendments of claim 15 are supported by original claim 14 and the disclosure on page 7, last paragraph.

The applicants believe claim 15 to be in such form as to overcome the 112, first and second paragraph rejections.

No new matter has been added.

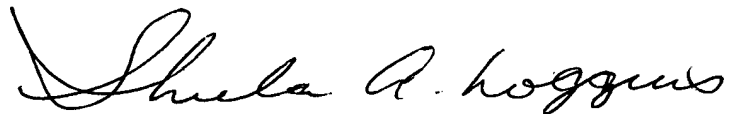
It is respectfully submitted that all the claims submitted for reconsideration are in good formal order.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 is respectfully solicited in light of the remarks and amendments *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claims 1-13, 15, and 17-21 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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